

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no ☒

Property Name: Sunshine Café/ General Store/ Chevron Inventory Number: M: 23-42-2
Address: 22300 Georgia Avenue (MD 97) Historic district: yes ☒ no
City: Brookeville Zip Code: 20833 County: Montgomery
USGS Quadrangle(s): Sandy Spring
Property Owner: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): P751 Tax Map Number: HV
Project: MD 650 @ MD 97 Agency: MD State Highway Administration
Agency Prepared By: MD State Highway Administration
Preparer's Name: Rebecca Crew Date Prepared: 04/16/2008
Documentation is presented in: MIHP form M: 23-42: Sunshine Historic District
<http://www.sandyspringmuseum.com/e290a.html> (accessed 5/19/2008)
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
Site visit by MHT Staff yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Sunshine General Store is a CMU- (concrete masonry unit-) block structure at the northwest corner of the intersection of MD 650 and MD 97. The building plan is square with the exception of the angled entrance at the southeast corner. The windows and doors are metal framed and are covered with iron security bars. With a flat roof and devoid of decoration, it is a typical of service station of its era of construction, circa 1947. Pavement covers the one-acre lot. Gas pumps are to the north of the structure. Circa 1984 photographs of the structure compared to its present state show that it has been significantly altered. A metal parapet has been added to the south façade, covering the original stepped parapet. Cantilevered lighting has been added to the south and east facades. The original signs on the building have been removed, and the pumping island has been removed from the front corner. The current sign posting the price of Chevron gas is a contemporary replacement.

Significance

The Sunshine Café is an example of the Functional Gas Station, as described in Daniel Vierya's book "Fill'er Up: An Architectural History of Gas Stations." However, it lacks streamlining characteristics that made exceptional gas stations of the 1940s. The Sunshine Café is merely a non-descript commercial structure. It does not meet Criterion A, as it is not associated with events contributing to the broad patterns of our history. It does not meet Criterion B, as it is not associated with significant persons in our

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended ☒
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
MHT Comments:

Jim Tealuma
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

6/24/08
Date

[Signature]
Reviewer, National Register Program

7/2/08
Date

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past. It does not meet Criterion C, as it lacks integrity of design and materials, as well as fails to embody the distinctive characteristics of 1940s gas stations, and it is not the work of a master and does not possess high artistic values. The Sunshine Café was not evaluated under Criterion D.

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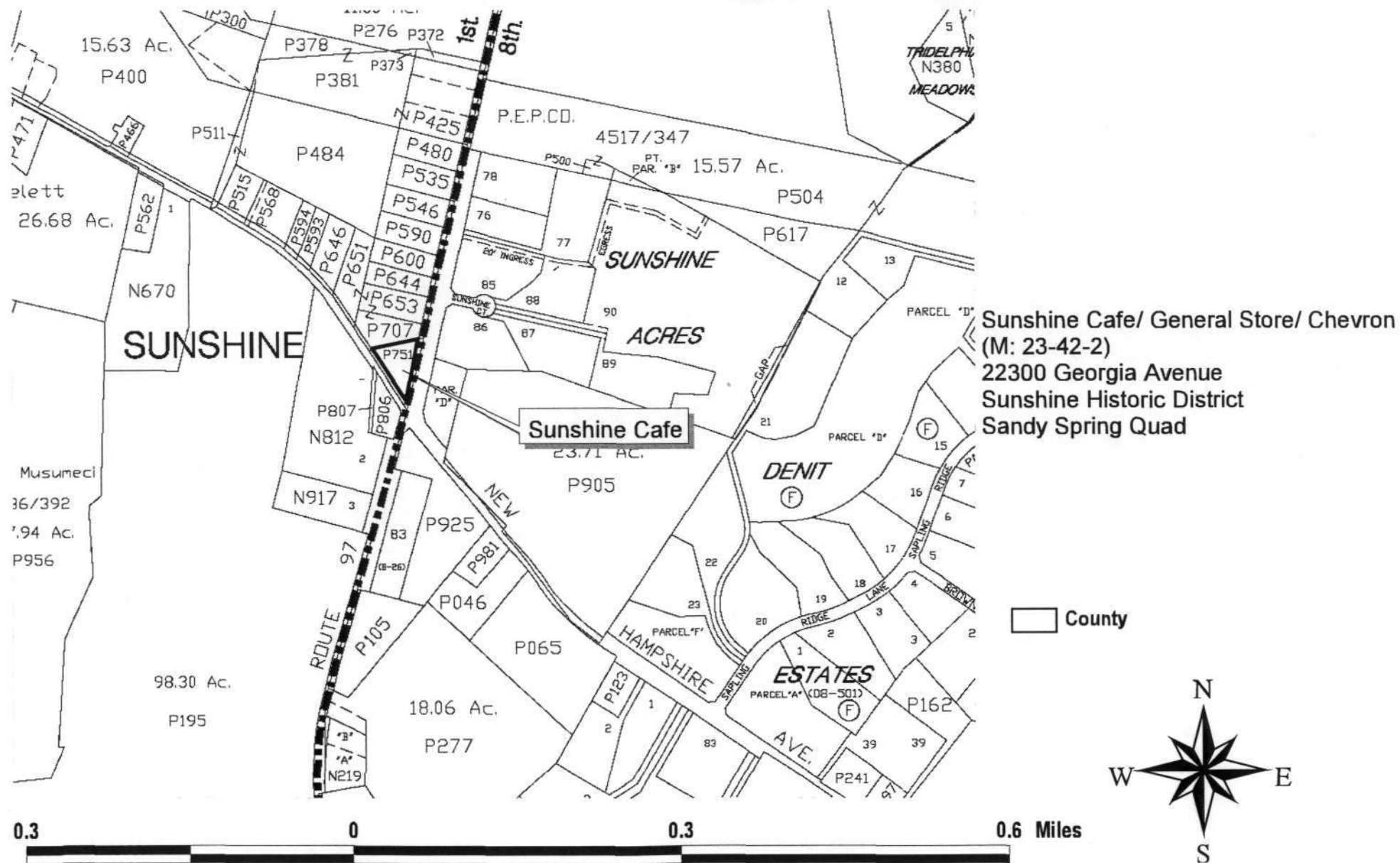
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Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

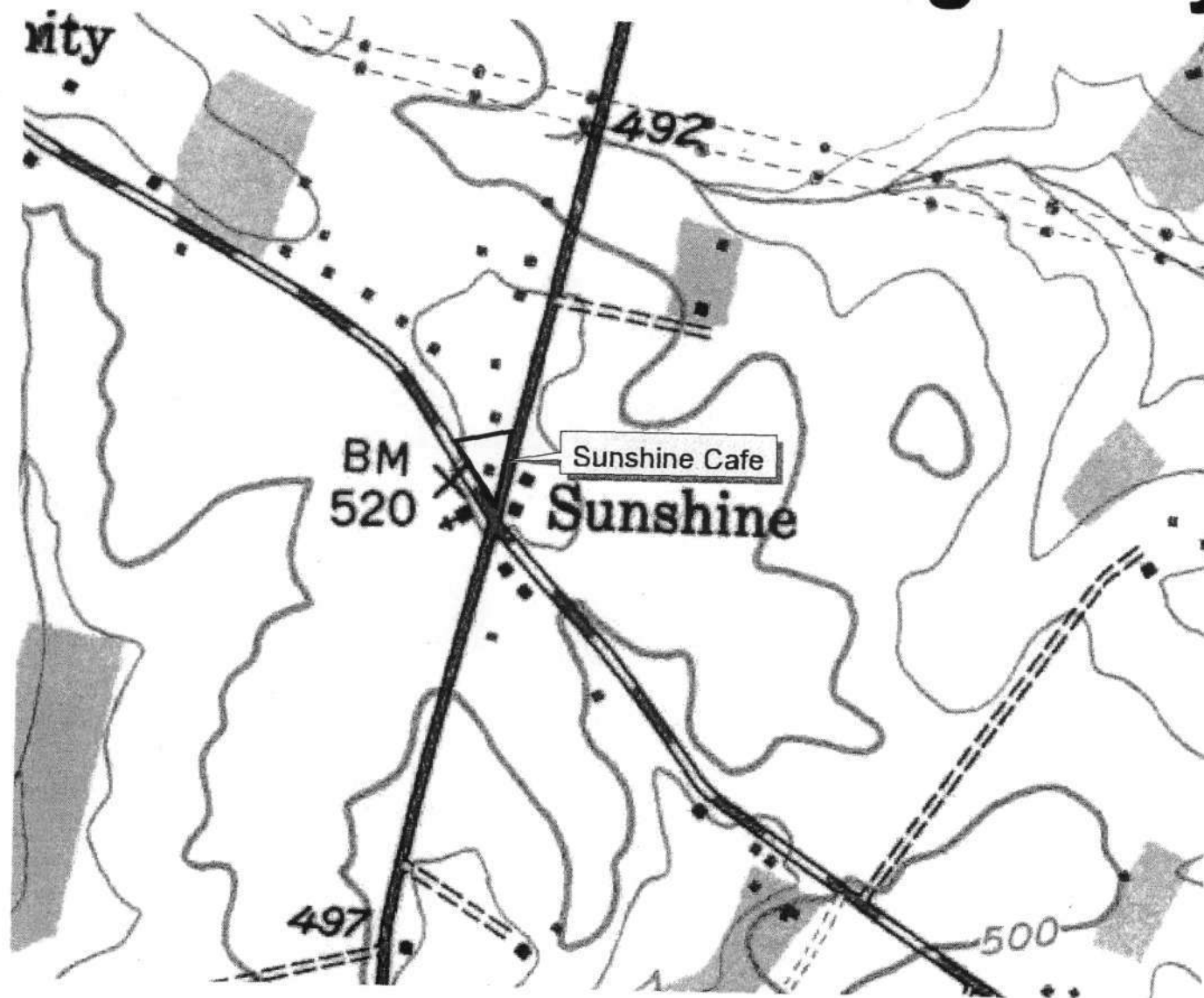
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22300 Georgia Avenue
Sunshine Historic District
Sandy Spring Quad

County

0.3 0 0.3 0.6 Miles





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Sunshine Cafe

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MD SHPD (neg.)

View facing N of bldg.

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View facing S towards bldg.

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